

Claims

1. A distribution device of a telecommunications system, with at least one contact element, the or  
5 each contact element having at least two contact springs, characterized in that
  - a) the or each contact element (40, 47, 52, 56, 59, 60, 61, 62, 64, 69, 71, 73) has a modular structure in such a way that the configuration  
10 of the or each contact element (40, 47, 52, 56, 59, 60, 61, 62, 64, 69, 71, 73) can be modified by modifying the modular structure,
  - b) the or each contact element (40, 47, 52, 56, 59, 60, 61, 62, 64, 69, 71, 73) has a basic module  
15 (44), the basic module (44) having the contact springs (41, 42, 43),
  - c) it being possible to connect one or more supplementary modules (48, 53, 57, 58, 63, 65, 70, 72, 74) to the basic module (44), the  
20 combination of the basic module (44) with the or each supplementary module (48, 53, 57, 58, 63, 65, 70, 72, 74) allowing the configuration of the respective contact element (40, 47, 52, 56, 59, 60, 61, 62, 64, 69, 71, 73) to be modified.  
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2. The distribution device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the supplementary modules (48, 53, 57, 58, 63, 65, 70, 72, 74) and the basic module (44) can be combined with one another in  
30 series connection.
3. The distribution device as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the configuration of the respective contact element is determined by  
35 selection of the or each supplementary module and/or by the number of supplementary modules and/or by the sequence of the supplementary modules.

4. The distribution device as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the basic module (44) has inputs (45) and outputs (46) assigned to the contact springs (41, 42, 43).
5. The distribution device as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the supplementary modules (48, 53, 57, 58, 63, 65, 70, 72, 74) have inputs (45a) and outputs (46b).
6. The distribution device as claimed in claim 4 or 5, characterized in that, for a connection of one or more supplementary modules (48, 53, 57, 58, 63, 65, 70, 72, 74) to the basic module (44), the inputs (45a) of one supplementary module engage in outputs (46) of the basic module (44) or in outputs (46a) of another supplementary module, these connections between the inputs (45a) and the outputs (46, 46a) being configured using a connector technique.